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Applicant : Nishizawa et al.
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For : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING A SOLID MAGNET
ROLLER USING A MOVABLE MOLD

EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO. EF321682926US

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned Application filed contemporaneously herewith
as follows:

In the Specification:

In the first page of the specification, before the heading entitled "Background of the Invention," insert the following paragraph: -- This application is a divisional of the copending United States Patent Application entitled "Apparatus and Method For Producing a Solid Magnet Roller Using a Movable Mold," Serial No. 09/179,482, filed on October 27, 1998, which is a Continuation-in-Part Application of Application Serial No. 08/654,703, filed May 29, 1996, now abandoned, which claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application

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No. 133771/1995, filed May 31, 1995 and Japanese Application No. 105658/1996, filed April 25, 1996. –

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-4 without prejudice and without waiver of applicants' right to prosecute and to obtain claims to the subject matter of these claims in co-pending applications or applications claiming priority therefrom under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to reflect that the above-captioned Divisional Application filed contemporaneously herewith claims priority to certain previously filed applications. In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.121, please find attached hereto the amendments to the existing language of the specification. The attached page denoting this amendment is captioned as "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE."

Claims 1-4 have been canceled without prejudice and without waiver of applicants' right to prosecute and to obtain claims to the subject matter of these claims in co-pending applications or applications claiming priority therefrom under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Canceled claims 1-4 were previously elected in response to the Examiner's restriction requirement set forth in the Official Action dated October 14, 1999 in the copending United States Patent Application entitled "Apparatus and Method for Producing A Solid Magnet Roller Using a Movable Mold," Serial No. 09/179,482, filed October 27, 1998, from which the above-captioned Divisional Application filed contemporaneously herewith claims priority. Accordingly, previously non-elected claims 5-8 are pending in the above-captioned instant application.

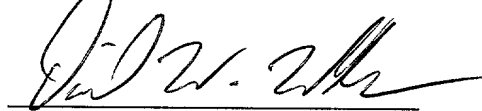
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This application is believed to be in condition for allowance in all respects.

Accordingly, consideration and allowance of all pending claims, namely claims 5-8 are respectfully requested.

Date: 8/27/01

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Changes to the Existing Language of the Specification

-- This application is a divisional of the copending United States Patent Application entitled "Apparatus and Method for Producing a Solid Magnet Roller Using a movable Mold," Serial No. 09/179,482, filed on October 27, 1998, which is a Continuation-in-Part Application of Application Serial No. 08/654,703, filed May 29, 1996, now abandoned, which claimed priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from Japanese Application No. 133771/1995, filed May 31, 1995 and Japanese Application No. 105658/1996, filed April 25, 1996. - -